

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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THE SAME, AND METHOD FOR CLEANING SILICON
CARBIDE PRODUCT

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on March 8, 2011, which is believed to have been mailed in error

The Notice indicates that “The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as ‘replacement sheet,’ ‘new sheet,’ or ‘annotated sheet’.” Applicants respectfully note, however, that no drawings amendment or new drawings were submitted with the March 4, 2011 Amendment. Accordingly, no annotation was required.

More specifically, Applicants’ representative submitted two figures (Figures A and B) with the Amendment of March 4, 2011, as Exhibits to support remarks made in the

Amendment. The two figures were disclosed on page 29 and page 30, respectively, of a book titled "Ultraclean ULSI technology" published by Baifukan, Co. Ltd. These figures were not submitted as amendments to the drawings of the applications or as new drawings.

Applicants submit that the Notice of Non-Compliance was clearly mailed in error and that the Amendment filed on March 4, 2011, was in full compliance. Applicants further submit that no reduction of Patent Term Adjustment should be made as a result of the issuance of the erroneous Notice of Non-Compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

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